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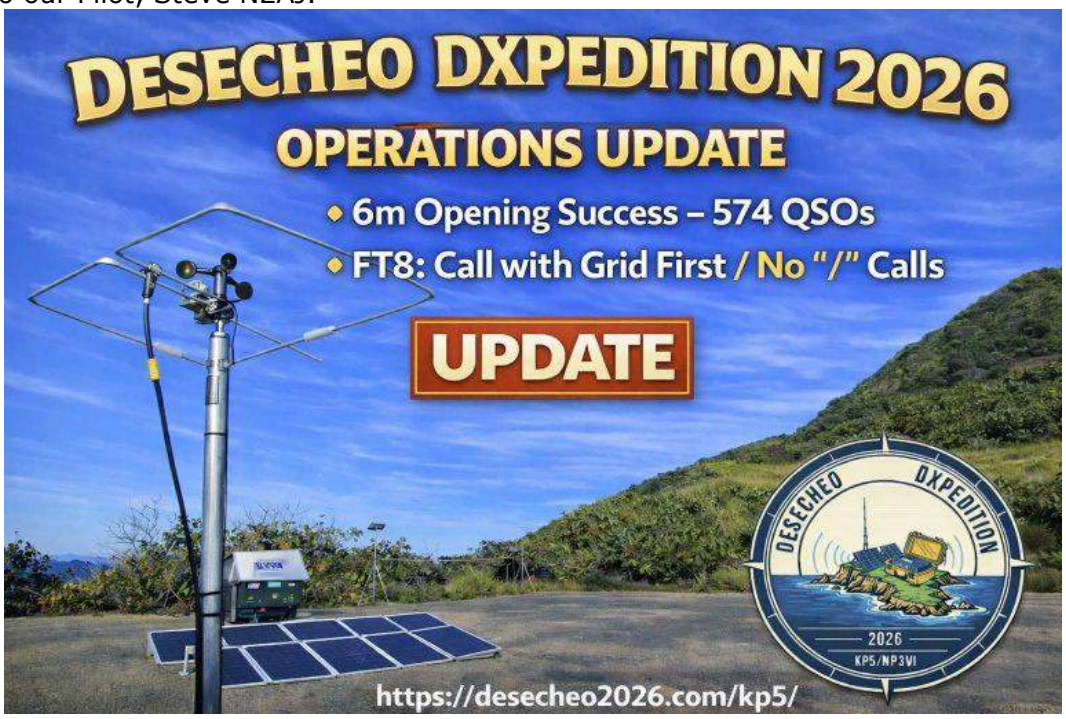
DX News

KP5/NP3VI -update January 21

Last night's 6-meter opening was nothing short of amazing. At one point we were running five simultaneous streams at only 25 watts — technically QRP — with outstanding results.
Many familiar calls made it into the log, and a great number of operators worldwide were very happy.
We now have over 574 QSOs on 6 meters in the log, and from our remote operating locations we remain ready in case another opening develops.
We would like to sincerely thank the many operators who sent 6-meter opening alerts by email and text to our Pilot, Steve N2AJ.



AU7RS Lakshadweep -update by Sarath VU2RS

Good news is: all our equipment has finally arrived in Cochin! Our antennas, generators, and other gear are all accounted for, and we're just waiting for the final checks before we head to Agatti Island.
Our revised schedule has us operating from February 8-14, 2026. We'll be live on all bands (160m-6m) with QO-100 activity, focusing on:
— 40m, 80m, and 160m for North America (fingers crossed for some great propagation!)
— 10M SSB – we're optimistic about making some SSB magic happen.
https://www.dx-world.net/au7rs-lakshadweep-islands/

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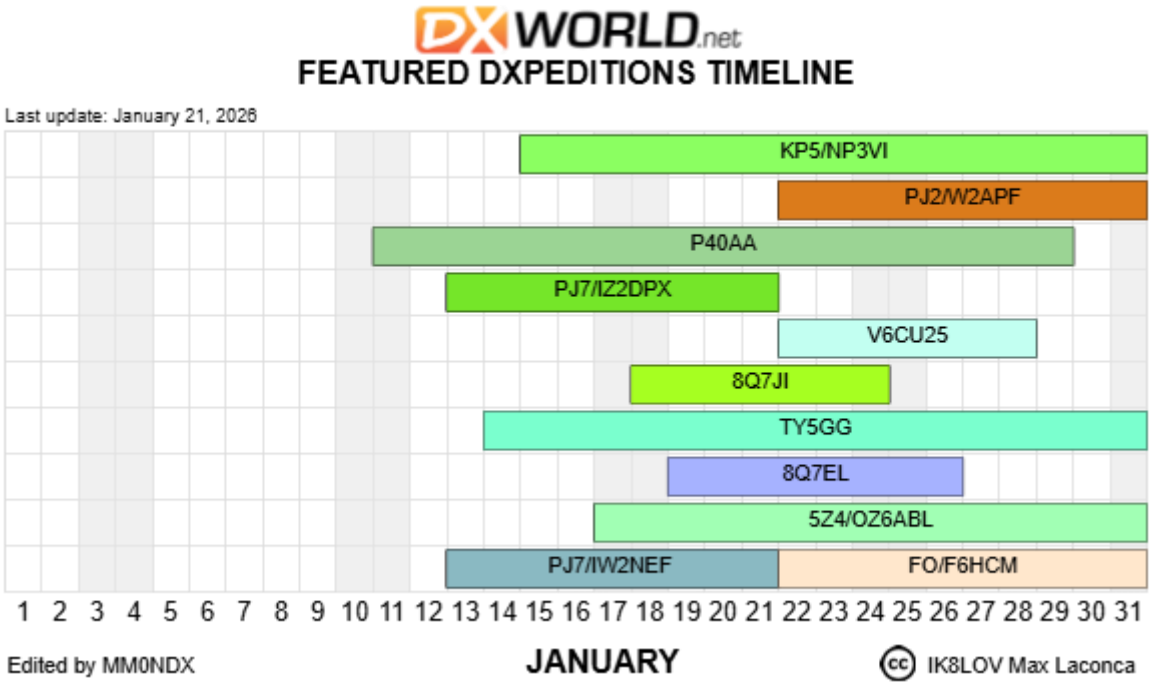
CY0S Sable Island -update

In two months, the CY0S team will be arriving on Sable Island, weather permitting. The first flight, on March 18, will have three team members onboard. All DXpedition gear, except for the VHF/UHF gear, will be on this flight. The second flight, on March 19, will have five team members onboard, along with the VHF/UHF gear.
Final preparations continue with team members starting to pack their individual gear bags. A lot of time has been spent working with the limited weight allowance on the Britten-Norman Islander aircraft for the two flights to Sable. The team settled on 42 lbs. of personal gear/food per team member. According to our calculations, we are just below the weight allowance for each flight. Nine long ski bags are packed, loaded and ready for transport. These ski bags contain seven antennas, 12M, 14M and 18M Spiderbeam Poles, 42-inch-long wood guy stakes for the soft sand, pre-cut guy ropes and other assorted antenna parts.

David Assaf W5XU S.K -by the Intrepid-DX group

We are very sad to learn tonight that our dear friend and VP8STI/VP8SGI team member, David Assaf W5XU has passed away.
He was a kind and gentle man and a real pleasure to have on our team.
RIP David.
Paul N6PSE
President, The Intrepid-DX Group

DXCC timeline



DXCC

This week on air

5H, TANZANIA Chas, NK8O is operating from Dodoma as 5H3DX until February 17. Operation from 30 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via NK8O, LoTW and Club Log.
5H, TANZANIA Mik, DK5MIK aims to climb Mt Kilimanjaro later this month. Depending on weather and tour conditions, he plans to operate with a KX2 radio occasionally from POTA TZ-0005. However, this will only be CW QRP, and only when it fits within the group's schedule; the focus is on the climb, not on radio communication, says Mik. Also, from January 26th – 28th, a short trip to Zanzibar AF-032 is in the works where Mik will try to operate from there also QRP CW, holiday style. Callsign: 5H3MK**.**
5Z, KENYA Michael, OZ6ABL is operating as 5Z4/call until February 28. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via home call, LoTW, OQRS.
8P, BARBADOS Chris, WA7RAR is QRV as 8P9CB until January 30. QRV from 20 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call.
8Q, MALDIVES Alex, IW5ELA is operating as 8Q7EL from Vaavu Atoll until January 26. Activity in 'holiday-style' on HF using mainly CW. QSL via home call.
8Q, MALDIVES Ji, DS1TUW is operating as 8Q7JI until January 24. Activity on HF using CW and FT8. POTA activity during his stay.
8R, GUYANA Aldir, PY1SAD is once again operating as 8R1TM until February 23. QRV on all bands with 6 metres included using CW, SSB, digi and SAT. QSL via LoTW or direct.
9X, RWANDA Harold, DF2WO will once again be active as 9X2AW starting from January 22 for 18 days. QRV in 'holiday-style' on QO-100 and from 160 to 10 metres using CW, FT4 and SSB.
C5, THE GAMBIA Andre, ON7YK is again active as C5YK. Previously, his activity has lasted a few months; generally into February or March. QRV mainly on the high bands using SSB and FT8. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via home call (direct or bureau).
FG, GUADELOUPE Look for F1DUZ as FG4KH until February 10 from 80 to 10 metres using SSB. QSL via home call direct or buro, LoTW.
H4, SOLOMON ISL Bernard (DL2GAC) will once again be QRV as H44MS from Manakwai village between January 25 and April 10, 2026. Operation from 80 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call, direct or bureau.

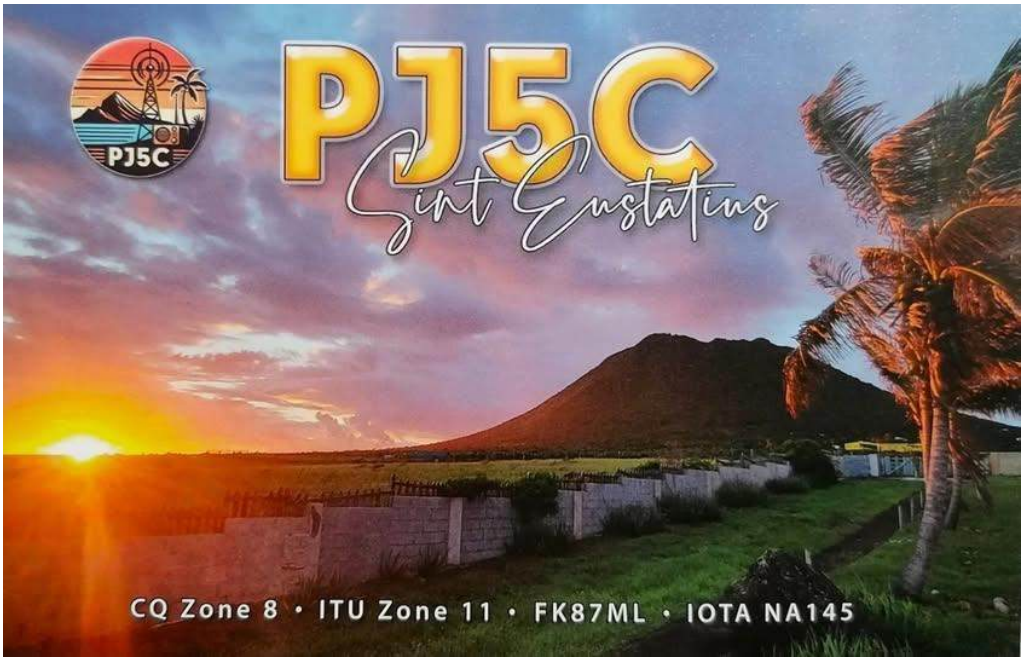
QSL preview

HR, HONDURAS Gerard, F2JD is operating as HR5/call from Copan until March. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via F6AJA direct or bureau.

KP5, DESECHEO ISL In collaboration with the Vieques Island Amateur Radio Club (NP3VI) and the Manyana DX Foundation, a landmark DXpedition to Desecheo Island (KP5), currently ranked as the 14th most wanted DXCC entity worldwide. To ensure continuous, global on-air presence, two self-sustained Remote Deployable Units (RDUs) provided by the Manyana DX Foundation are deployed on the island. These stations are operating 24 hours a day for 30 consecutive days, utilizing state-of-the-art remote operating infrastructure from Remote Ham Radio (RHR).
The primary mission of this DXpedition is to provide an All-Time New One (ATNO) to as many amateur radio operators worldwide as possible. Operators from Puerto Rico and international locations will participate to maximize coverage, band availability, and global accessibility.
https://desecheo2026.com/kp5/

P4, ARUBA Mat, DL4MM is once again operating as P40AA until January 29. An entry in the CQ 160 CW contest is included. Outside the contest, Mat will be found on all bands using CW, SSB and FT4/8. QSL via homecall, OQRS.
PJ2, CURACAO Thaire, W2APF will be QRV as PJ2/call from January 22 until March 31. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a Elecraft K5D and a Buddipole, DX Commander for 40 and 30 and a doublet for 80. QSL via home call, LoTW.
PJ2, CURACAO Andre, PD1DRE will be back as PJ2/call between January 26 and March 4 in 'holiday-style'.
T8, PALAU Operating out of the VIP Guest Hotel, Koror, Palau, look for T88JH (JR3QFB), T88KY (JA1MFR), T88MH (JA1JRE), T88MT (JA1MEJ) & T88YL (7K4TKB) to be active during January 28-31. QRV on various bands and modes. QSL via ops instructions.
TL, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June. Activity on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and FT8 with a dipole.
TY, BENIN Gerard, F5NVF is operating from Godomey as TY5GG until April. QRV on various bands using CW and FT8 from 80 to 10 metres. QSL via LoTW.
V5, NAMIBIA Gunter, DK2WH is once again QRV as V51WH until March 24. Activity from a farm near Omaruru from 160 to 6 metres (60m included).
V6, MICRONESIA Celebrating 60 years in ham radio, Haru JA1XGi announces he will be active from Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia as V660XGI during January 22-28. QRV on 160-10m; CW, SSB & Digi. Participation in the CQWW CW 160m contest (January 23-25). QSL via JA1XGI, Club Log OQRS.
VP2E, ANGUILLA Rick, W4IO will be operating as VP2EIO from January 24 until January 31. Operation in 'holiday-style' from 80 to 10 metres using SSB and FT8. QSL via home call.
VP8, SOUTH SHETLAND Active when time permits, look for Ivo LZ1AAW to QRV as LZ0A from the Bulgarian Antarctic Base of St. Kliment Ohridski, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands, AN-010 until mid-February.
Z6, KOSOVO Gabriele, HB9TSW is operating as Z68BG from Slatina Air Base near Pristina until January 28. He will operate CW only in his spare time. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or via home call.
Z8, SOUTH SUDAN Once again, Diya YI1DZ is active as Z81D, his UN-WFP contract runs until March 30. Activity from 40 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. Perhaps some 60 and 80 metres. QSL via OM3JW, LoTW.
ZD7, ST HELENA Casey, AC1GQ is operating as ZD7N until January 24. License is pending. Operation possible on 40 and 20 metres.

QSL preview



Coming up soon

C2, NAURU Phil, FK1TS/C21TS will be back on air starting around January 31 until end July 2026. Phil mentions *'It's been great fun working everyone. And I keep promising but never deliver, but for sure some SSB next year. I need to get myself a good headset so I can be hands free and then good to go. It's also very noisy here. I live right next to the main road with no air con so windows always open. March / April should still bring some good contacts. SSB contacts will be barefoot. Legal limit here for CW / FT8 etc is 105 watts, SSB 400 watts. My licence good to the end of 2026.*
As stated below I will finish for good towards the end of July '26 when my 3 years is up. So still some time to catch me. My logs up to date with Charles M0OXO. Any queries hit me up on email. LoTW, eQSL, HRDlog, Club Log all up to date. 99% of LoTW queries are non-uploads at the other end.'

S9, SAO TOME & PRINCIPE Borut, S53BV will be active as S9BV from February 5 until February 20, 2026. QRV in 'holiday-style' on 60, 40, 30 and 15 meter using CW and SSB with full size verticals, a dipole and an Icom IC-7000. QSL via OQRS only.

V3, BELIZE Uwe, DL8UD will once again be operating as V31KO / V3O during February and March 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in the ARRL CW contest is included as V3O. QSL via EA5GL.

V4, ST KITTS Jon, W5JON will once again be QRV as V47JA from January 30 until February 3, 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8 with a Yaesu FT-300D and a Mosley, a Yagi and a vertical. QSL via home call direct and LoTW.

On the scene…FS/IW2NEF

IOTA

This week on air

AFRICA

AF-019 Lampedusa Isl A large team will be QRV as IG9/S54W during the CQWW 160 CW contest. Outside the contest look for the team as IG9/S51V, S52OT, S53R, S53T, S54W, S56DX, S57UN, S58MU, S59A, S59ZZ, YT3H and with IG9ITO. QRV until January 26. QSL via buro.

ASIA

AS-079 Miyako Isl Take, JI3DST is active again as JS6RRR until April 17. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. Take is also using JI3DST/6, JJ5RBH/6, JI3DST/P and JJ5RBH/P. QSO's are uploaded to Club Log and LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-057 Roatan Isl Dave, VE3VSM is active as call/HR9 until January 31. Activity in 'holiday-style' from 20 to 15 metres using CW and FT8. QSL via home call, LoTW.

OCEANIA

OC-067 Raiatea January 20-27
OC-067 Maupiti January 27-February 1
Pascal, FO/F6HCM will be operating from above islands

OC-143 Sumatra Dave, PB2X is operating as YB5/call until February 5. Operation from 80 to 10 meters and the WARC bands using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via home call direct.
OC-150 Lombok Isl Jozef, ON6HX is once again active YB9/call until March 11. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digi. QSL via LoTW, home call.

SOUTH AMERICA

SA-008 Tierra del Fuego
Jacek, SP5APW is QRV from Tierra del Fuego as CE8/call on January 23-24. Operation from 20 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8 with a BuddiHEX and 4-ele Yagi for 6 metres. Operation in 'holiday-style'.
SA-050 Navarino Isl The friends of JuncalDX from the Aconcagua Valley, eager to enjoy amateur radio, participate in and organize various amateur radio activities, such as the 3rd Chilean DX Congress and participation in international contests like CQWW or CQWPX, POTA activations, lighthouses, and others. CB9N, XR9N and 3G9S will be the special callsigns that will be part of the expedition to the Chilean Antarctic Province CE9 on Isla Navarino, taking place during the first half of January 2026. Operators Miguel CE2PM and Garcia CE2GT will be QRV from 40 to 6 meter using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via OQRS.
More information and a call-for-support are available on the DXpedition website.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announced DX

THE NEWCOMERS

5W, SAMOA Jacek, SP5EAQ will be active as 5W0AF starting around March 22 for 3 weeks. QRV from 40 to 10 metres (possible 80m also) using SSB only.
9Y, TRINIDAD Look for 9Y4I during the ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest. Caribbean Top Band CW signals are limited — listen carefully for 9Y4I during peak low-band windows.

J5, GUINEA BISSAU A team with Ben DA1DX, Win DK9IP, Andy DL8LAS, Uli DM5EE and Lutz DM6EE will be active from the Bijagos Archipelago during February/March. More to follow.
PJ2, CURACAO Frank, PH2M will again be active as PJ2/PH2M during June 12-29. QRV holiday-style on 60-6m, mainly FT8, some SSB. QSL via buro, direct, LoTW.
R1/F, FRANZ JOSEF LAND After two years of planning the RUDXT are proud to announce a DXpedition to the nothern-most DXCC in the world – Franz Josef Land. Team of 6 operators will be active from Heiss island (FJL) during 15 days in late August-early September 2026.
https://www.rudxt.org/ri1fjl
V3, BELIZE Walt W0CP and Mary K0ZV will once again be active as V31DJ and V31DK during February. Operation on HF using SSB and FT8. An entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. QSL via LoTW.

THE REMINDERS

The Rebel DX Group update
Dom, 3D2USU recently let DX-World know that, he along with one other op in the Rebel DX Group, plan to visit and be active from the following Pacific DXCC entities in the months ahead.
H44 – Solomon Islands (dates: t.b.a)
H40 – Temotu Province (dates: t.b.a)
ZK3 – Tokelau (after current E6 activity)
KH8/S – Swains Island (~ 1 week activity)
T33 – Banaba (after ZK3)
T31 – Central Kiribati (April 2026)

3A, MONACO Col MM0NDX and Steve MM0SAJ will once again QRV as 3A/MM0NDX and 3A/MM0SAJ sometime 2026. QRV on various bands and modes. Main focus on low bands in their evenings. QSL both calls to EB7DX (LoTW also).
3Y, BOUVET A major DXpedition is taking place in February to the most remote island. A team with Ken LA7GIA as team leader with 24 operators will be operating around 3 weeks. The setup is at Cape Fie and another up the hill. See full details https://3y0k.com/#news

Vlad OK2WX checking in the over-sized 160m verticals for 3Y0K Bouvet.

8P, BARBADOS Mike, VE2XB will be QRV as 8P9XB from February 21 until February 28, 2026. Operation from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call. Mike is also planning trips to V31ZY, 5H, ZA, 9H, J79XB, J38XB and TI5 for later next year.
8R, GUYANA A team with IZ0EGA, IZ0EVI, IZ0EWJ and IZ6DSQ will be operating as 8R1WA from February 19 until February 27. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using SSB and FT8. https://guyana2026.wordpress.com/
9N, NEPAL Jan, DL4XT mentions: *'Activity planned in summer 2026! This is my biggest DXpedition planned so far. I got a verbal agreement on the callsign 9N7XT, but this isn't confirmed yet, so it might still change.'* Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8 with a FT-891 100W. https://yct.janlabs.de/dx/nepal2026
C8, MOZAMBIQUE The Czech DX Team will be active as C8K during September/October 2026. Operation from 160 to 6 meter and QO-100, RS-44, IO-117 using CW, SSB and digi. Club Log live stream if possible. QSL via OK6DJ OQRS, LoTW. Antennas: 6m 5el. YAGI**,** 10m 4el. Yagi, 10-15-20 incl WARC 3 x Spiderbeam, 17/15/12m 2el. YAGI, 2x 30m phased verticals, 2x40m phased verticals, 80m vertical + 10 pcs radials, 160 vertical +10pcs radials RX: 3x Beverage + RX vertical Focus on low bands.
CY0, SABLE ISL The CY0S Dxpedition Team will once again be active between March 19 and March 30/31, 2026. *"As we have done in the past, we will personally transport all of the gear to Halifax, Nova Scotia shortly before the DXpedition", they say. "We have been informed by Sable Aviation that the cost of the flights to the island have significantly increased since 2023. Fund raising has now officially begun for the CY0S DXpedition"* https://t-rexsoftware.com/cy0s/
D4, CAPE VERDE Heli, DD0VR will be operating as D4VR from February 6 until February 19. Activity on HF with high efficient antennas using QRP. QSL via home call.
E5, COOK ISL Steve ZL2KE and Steve ZL4CZ will once again be active as E51CZZ and E51KEE next July/August 2026. QRV from Rarotonga, more to follow.

On the scene…H44MS Solomon Islands

E6, NIUE Tom, KC0W will be operating as E6CW sometime 2026. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW only. More to follow.
FM, MARTINIQUE Miguel, EA1BP will once again be operating as FM/call or TO7O during the CQ WPX SSB contest. Outside the contest QRV on WARC bands using SSB. QSL via home call, LoTW.
FM, MARTINIQUE Darrell, AB2E will be operating as TO3E between May 26 and June 2. An entry in the CQWPX CW contest is included. Before and after the contest he will focus on WARC and low bands using mostly CW with some FT8 and RTTY. QSL via LoTW or direct via home call.
FO, AUSTRAL ISL A team with PG5M, PA3EWP, DL2AMD, PA2KW, DK2AMM and DL2AWG will be

operating as TX5EU between March 12 and March 25. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB, RTTY and FT8. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via DL2AWG buro. https://tx5eu-2026.topdx.de/#welcome

FO, MARQUESAS ISL A team of 6 operators (K5WE, W5CCP, N5TEA, K4VBM, WD5COV and F6BCW) will be active as TX9W from April 19 until April 30. Activity with 6 stations from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digi. Depending upon a reliable internet connection, logs will be uploaded to Club Log daily and Club Log Livestream will be active. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW shortly after returning home. https://k5we.com/tx9w/

FO, MARQUESAS ISL Chunkhi, VA7YM will be on a circumnavigation trip and the first stop is Marquesas. Operation as FO/call sometime July. More on QRZ.com.

FP, ST PIERRE AND MIQUELON Eric, KV1J will once again be active as FP/call, this for the 18th time. Activity between June 27 and July 13 with an entry in the IARU HF Contest. FP/KV1J July 2026

JW, SVALBARD Kaare, LA8EKA will be active from the JW5E club station as JW8EKA between March 13-15, 2026. Operation from 20 to 10 metres and perhaps the low bands using SSB and digi. QSL via home call.

HK0, MALPELO Last active in 2012 (by HK0NA who still maintain the 2nd highest ever QSO count for a Dxpedition), the Colombian League of Radio Amateurs (HK3LR) and its Board of Directors has announced its main goal – to stage a Dxpedition to Malpelo island, SA-007. It is hoped for a February 2026 activity, but this is not yet confirmed. Stay tuned for more info in the coming weeks..

Guess the QSL

P4, ARUBA John, W2GD will once again be QRV as P44W during February 16-23, 2026. QRV from his QTH in Santa Cruz, an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest is included. Prior to the contest activity is planned on all bands using CW. QSL via LoTW and N2MM.

PJ7, ST MAARTEN Tom, AA9A will once again be operating as PJ7AA from March 8 until April 4, 2026. Activity from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. An entry in some contests is included. QSL via LoTW, home call, Club Log.

S2, BANGLADESH The Next Generation DX Club will be off to Bangladesh February/March 2026. *'Ranked #91 worldwide, #32 for North America, and still highly wanted on CW (#66) and SSB (#75), this DXpedition is set to light up the bands. After bringing you 8R7X – Guyana 2024 and V73WW – Marshall Islands 2025, we're ready to make waves from one of Asia's most exciting and under-activated locations.* The team will sign as S21WD from 160 to 10 metres ans satellites. https://next-generation-dx.com/s2/

T8, PALAU Look for Masu JA3AVO, Mune JI3DNN and Kuni JA1CJA as T88MB, T88CZ and T88DK from the VIP Guest Hotel between February 25 and March 5, 2026. Operation on several bands and various modes. QSL via home call.
T8, PALAU Ken, JP1RIW will be QRV as T88KH during March 26-30, 2026. An entry in the CQ WPX SSB contest is included. QSL via BM2JCC or OQRS.
T8, PALAU Yas, JA6UBY will be operating as T88RR from June 10 until June 18, 2026. Activity from 160 to 6 metres using SSB, FT4/8. QSL via LoTW or home call.
T8, PALAU Nobu, JA0JHQ will once again be active as T88PB during June 19-22, 2026. An entry in the All Asian DX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.
T8, PALAU Czech DXpedition Team members (OK1BOA, OK2ZA, OK3RM, OK6DJ) will be QRV during March 3-19. Callsign is not yet known. They will not be using the Palau rental QTH which many JA ops in particular use. More details to follow. QSL via OQRS Club Log OK6DJ.
V3, BELIZE Mike, VE2XB will be operating from Ambergris Caye as V31ZY during March 16-27, 2026. Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.

Homebrew quad at 5Z4GO

V4, ST KITTS Chris, WA7RAR will be operating as V4/call from February 21 until March 7 2026. QRV from near Cockleshell Bay as V4/call, with also POTA operation from 20 to 10 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via homecall direct.
V4, ST KITTS Markus, WW6W will be back as V4/call between May 24 and June 1, 2026. An entry in the CQWW WPX CW contest is included. QSL via home call, LoTW.
V4, ST KITTS Tom, K0YA and Antoinette W5RCX will be operating between February 11 and March 18, 2026. Activity on HF using CW, SSB and FT8 in 'holiday-style'. QSL via LoTW.
V5, NAMIBIA Hanspeter, HB9BFM will be QRV as V5/call during August 26 to September 20, 2026. QRV from different locations between 16-19 UTC in Olivia 8/250 at 14072.000kHz.
VP2E, ANGUILLA A team with SP9FIH, M0PLX and SQ2RAD will be active from March 3 until March 20. Callsigns pending. Operation from 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and FT8.
VP2M, MONTSERRAT Chuck, KG9N will be active as VP2MCV between February 17 and March 3, 2026. Operation on all bands and all modes with an entry in the ARRL DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW and home call.

VP8, FALKLAND ISL Rick, NE8Z will be operating from Port Stanley as VP8TDX between February 7 and February 14. Operation from 40 to 6 metres using CW and SSB. QSL via home call, Club Log.

VP8, SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND Amateur Radio DXpeditions (ARD) is proud to announce plans for a groundbreaking DXpedition to South Georgia Island, set to take place in March 2027. Operating under the allocated callsign VP0SG, this ambitious activation will target one of the rarest and most logistically challenging DXCC entities, well ranked on top of the Club Log's Most Wanted List, with particularly high demand in some areas of the world. https://www.ardxpeditions.com/dxpeditions/vp0sg

VP9, BERMUDA Darrell AB2E will again be active from Bermuda as AB2E/VP9 during February 17-24. He will be joined by John, K3TEJ/VP9. Both QRV in the ARRL DX CW contest; M2/LP as VP9I. Before / after the contest activity by both ops on CW, SSB and FT8 with focus on WARC and low bands bands. QSL via LoTW / direct to home call. VP9I via WW3S.

VU4, ANDAMAN ISL The World DXpedition team will be operating during November 2027 from 3 POTA locations. A team with 11 operators Dave WJ2O, K1NZ Nick Maslon; K2SAV, William "Savo" Savacool; K1ZM, Jeff Briggs; N1QV, Miriam Briggs; W0ZB, Steve Keithahn; K3PT, Kyle Snavely; KD0IVB, Emily Snavely; K1LZ, Krassy Petkov; VU2RS, Sarath Rayaprollu; and N4VGE, Van Herridge Organizer. Team support members are XYL Judi Savacool and XYL Vicki Herridge is QRV with 5 stations 24/7. Andaman - World DXpeditions

XU, CAMBODIA A team with JA1COU, JK2XXK, JA3GEP, VK6DX and F5VMJ will be operating from Phnom Penh as XU7AMO between February 27 and March 2. This is a QO-100 / RS-44 / FO-29 / SO-50 satellite operation.

XX9, MACAO A DXpedition is planned with a large team during March 19-31, 2026. Activity on HF and 6 metres. Team members are EA1CJ, EA1SA, EA5BCQ, EA5KA, EA5KM, EA7KE, EA7R, EA7X, F2JD, F8ATS, F8GGV, JH4RHF, IK5RUN and IN3ZNR. XX9 DXFriends Dxpedition

ZK3, TOKELAU The Perseverance DX Group will be QRV from Tokelau. The permission for entering the island is already OK. Plan is to be active in November 2026. Team members include: Rob N7QT, Gene K5GS, Steve W1SRD, Glenn KE4KY, Dave K3EL, Dave WD5COV, Robin WA7CPA, Brian N9ADG, Jackie ZL3CW, Francesco IK0FVC, Laci HA0NAR, Violetta KN2P and Jack N7JP. More to follow.

On the scene...C5MB The Gambia

IOTA

THE NEWCOMERS

AFRICA

AF-084 Abokwa Isl Silvano I2YSB let's us know that the Italian DXpedition Team will be active from Abokwa Island (AF-084), Ghana, during March/April 2026. More details including callsign will be announced soon.

THE REMINDERS

ASIA

AS-127 Kutubdia Isl Look for team S21DX sometime 2026. They plan to operate for at least 18 hours a day depending generator and the number of team members. Team for now is S21YLJ, S21AM, S21RC, S21FIA and S21RED. Activity from 160 to 10 metres using SSB, FT8 and QO-100. QSL via EB7DX, LoTW.

NORTH AMERICA

NA-178 California State Centre (Sonoma to Santa Cruz County) group
NA-187 California State Centre (Monterey / San Luis Obispo County) group
Rick, K6VVA has plans to activate these islands sometime in the 3rd quarter of 2026. More to follow.

NA-018 Kangerlussuaq Bo OX3LX and Mikkel OX7AKT will be QRV from February 10 until February 17, 2026. QRV from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL for OX7AKT via OZ1ACB, OX3LX via OZ0J.
NA-079 Dry Tortugas Look for the N4T team from February 17 until February 25. Main goal is 6 metre activity from the rare grid EL84, also from various POTA parks. QSL via KC3YQL.

OCEANIA

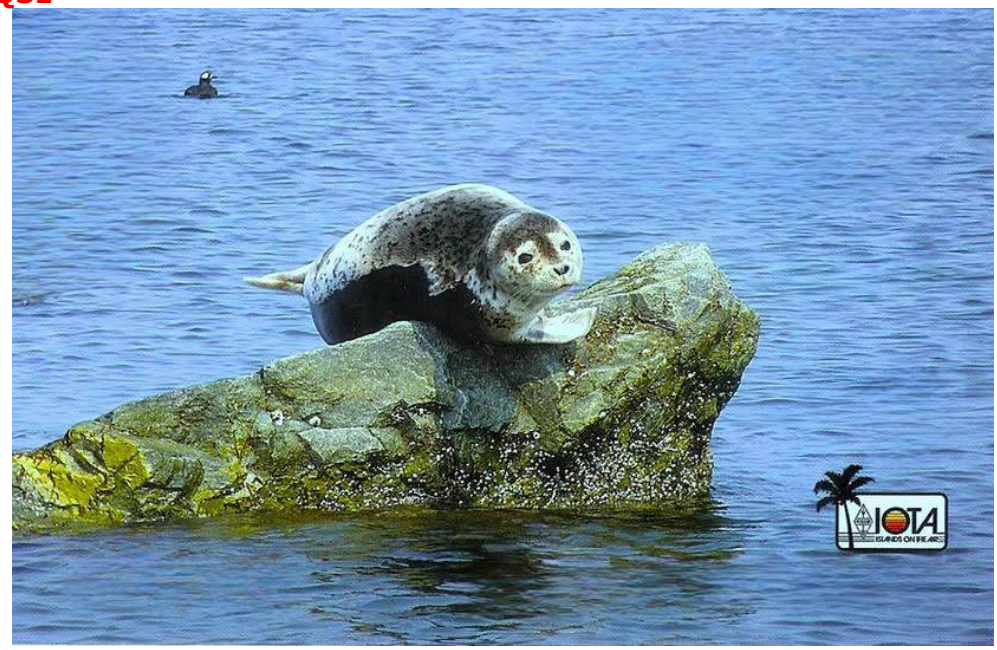
OC-066 Rangiroa Atoll Haru, JA1XGI will be operating as TX9XG (dates to follow). Activity from 40 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digi with an IC-7300MK2 and multiband antennas. QSL via home call, OQRS.
OC-165 Talang-Talang Besar A large team with 12 operators will be active as 9M8T sometime April/May 2026. More to follow.

Antarctic base

Casey Station
Tom, VK2TBC is going to be based at Casey Station, Antarctica and plans to be operational as **VK0TBC** between February and December this year. He will be running with a Flex-8400 and DX Commander plus other wire antennas. QRV when time permits on SSB & FT8.
— Casey Sation **webcam**
McMurdo Station, Ross Island by Andrew KC4/KL5SE
My 11th season to McMurdo Station, Antarctica. I'll be operating from there as **KC4USV** and as **KC4/KL5SE** from field camps nearby during the 2025-2026 Austral summer season.
So far activity has been from:
Keep an eye on Andrew's QRZ page for further updates.
Update December 30 by Frank F8DVD
Neumayer Station
New ham operator Lasse, DL9LU is active during the entire winter as DP0GVN until December 2026. QSL via OQRS.
Palmer Peninsula WE9G/KC4
Look out for Rikk, WE9G to be active from Palmer Peninsula, Antarctica as WE9G/KC4 during February 1-4. QSL via LoTW, QRZ, ClubLog & HRDLog.
Vostok base by Alex UG1A
After Vostok, says Frank (F8DVD), there's a possibility that Alex will go to Ridge B and operate from there. Nothing is certain about that yet so more info later. However, it would be an ATNO for the Worldwide Antarctic Program (WAP) and Polar DX Challenge as Ridge B has never been

activated before.
A new callsign have been assigned to Alex for all operations during this season: RI1ANI.
Since 2007, Alex was very active from Progress and Vostok base, mostly in CW but also in SSB with many calls such as R1ANC, R1ANP, RI1ANC, RI1ANV, RI30ANT.
NOTE: Ridge B is one of the least studied areas in Antarctica but has been considered to be a potential location for the oldest ice on Earth. In January 2020, the first scientific traverse from Russia's Vostok Station to the topographical dome of Ridge B was carried out. Ridge B (Dome B) is 3807m above sea level, 79.02°S, 93.69°E).

Guess the QSL



Special calls

THE NEWCOMERS

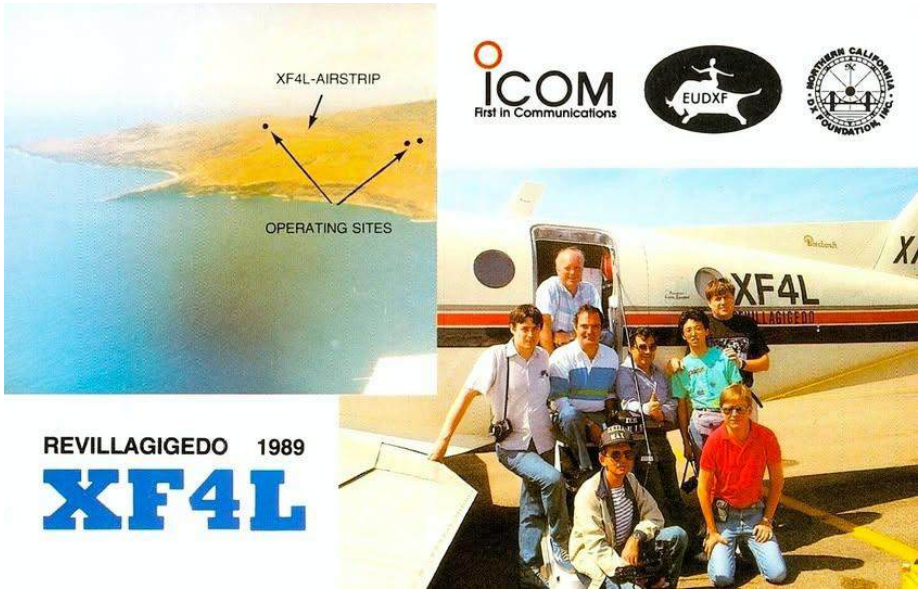
Marconi Club Slow CW Party February 1
The second edition of the Marconi Club SLOW CW PARTY, which will be held on February 1, 2026. Information and rules are available here:
https://www.marconiclub.it/contest1/slow-cw-qso-party/rules-slow-cw-qso-party
Best regards, 73' DE IZ1CQD, Gianni - Marconi Club Slow CW Party Committee

DL, GERMANY **DQ30GDXF** is the special callsign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the German DX Foundation (https://www.gdxf.de/) during 2026. QSL via Club Log's OQRS and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)
DL, GERMANY To celebrate the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Milano Cortina 2026, the DARC Team SES will be active as **DD2026OWG** (1 February-1 March) and **DD2026WPG** (1 March-1 April). QSLs via DK5ON, LoTW and DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)
F, FRANCE Special callsign **TM27PVJ** will be activated from 26 January to 1 February for the 27th "Percee du Vin Jaune", the festival celebrating the "Opening of the Yellow Wine" which this year will take place at Lons-le-Saunier (Jura). QSL via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)
UR, UKRAINE **EM100W** and **EN100WLKK** are two special callsigns celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Lviv Shortwave Club, founded in 1926 as Lwowski Klub Krotkofalowcow (LKK). It was one of the largest European clubs before World War II. A commemorative certificate will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/EM100W for information. (TNX 425DX)
UR, UKRAINE To celebrate his 50th anniversary in amateur radio, Nick, US8AR will be active throughout 2026 using the special callsign **EM50AR**. Electronic QSL cards can be downloaded from https://em50ar.pp.ua (TNX 425DX)
UR, UKRAINE Established in 1947, the British Faraday Antarctic Station was transferred to

Ukraine in February 1996, and renamed Akademik Vernadsky. Celebrating that 30th anniversary, five special callsigns will be active from 1 February to 1 March: **EM30VER**, and operated by Antarctic veterans **EM30KY** (op. UT1KY) **, EM30KCC** (op. UR5KCC), **EM30LV** (op. UR8LV), **EN30UA** (op. UT7UA). A certificate will be available, see https://www.qrz.com/db/EM30VER for information. (TNX 425DX)

THE REMINDERS

9A, CROATIA Throughout 2026, Tom, 9A2AA will use **9A69AA** to mark his 69 years of activity on the amateur radio bands. QSL via home call. (TNX 425DX)
9A, CROATIA **9A10SOTA** is the special callsign celebrating ten years of SOTA Croatia. Look for activity until 30 September 2026. A certificate will be available for contacts made between 1 October and 31 December 2025, see https://9aff.wordpress.com/ for information. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)
9A, CROATIA To celebrate their 15th anniversary, members of the Croatian Flora Fauna ARC (9A1WFF) will be active as **9A44FF** and **9A44FF/p** between 1 January and 31 December. See https://www.qrz.com/db/9A44FF for information about the Anniversary Award. (TNX 425DX)
CT, PORTUGAL The Rede dos Emissores Portugueses (REP) has announced an activity open to its members across Portugal during 2026. Using the special callsign **CT100REP** (including /p or /m), this year-long collective activity celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the REP, Portugal's IARU society. Operation is planned across various HF, VHF, and UHF bands using multiple modes (SSB, CW, Digital) and satellites. (TNX 425DX)
DL, GERMANY During 2026, the following special event stations celebrate 100 years of the German aviation company Lufthansa: **DA100LH**, **DL100LH** and **DK100LH** (special DOK 100DLH). QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)
DL, GERMANY To commemorate the centenary of the first Kurzwellentagung - the landmark convention for German shortwave enthusiasts held in Jena on 16-17 January 1926 - the special callsign **DF100KWTJ** will be active between 1 January and 31 March. QSL via bureau. (TNX 425DX)
DL, GERMANY The special event stations **DA100TV** and **DL100TV** (special DOK 100TV) celebrate 100 years of television in Germany during 2026. QSL via DK5ON (d/B). (TNX DXNL)
DL, GERMANY The special callsign **DB100FT** will be active throughout 2026 to celebrate the centenary of the Berlin Radio Tower (Funkturm), one of the city's most iconic landmarks. The 150-metre-high steel lattice tower occupies a prominent place in the history of radio broadcasting in Germany, as it was used to broadcast transmissions starting in 1926. QSL via the bureau, or direct to DO2PZ. (TNX 425DX)



DL, GERMANY DARC Team SES will be active as **DL25WIKI** throughout 2026. The special callsign celebrates the 25th anniversary of Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, founded in January 2001: "the station reflects the spirit of free knowledge and international collaboration within the

amateur radio community. Wikipedia and amateur radio share common values: openness, education, technical enthusiasm, and world-wide networking". QSL cards will be sent automatically via the bureau; QSOs will also be uploaded to LoTW and the DCL (DARC Community Logbook) (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The DARC Team SES will be active as **DH2026EM** between 10 January and 10 February for the Men's European Handball Championship to be co-hosted by Denmark, Sweden and Norway. QSL via DK5ON, LoTW and DCL (DARC Community Logbook). (TNX 425DX)

DL, GERMANY The DARC Team SES will be active as **DA2026SKI** between 15 January and 15 February for the FIS Ski-Flying World Championships to be held in Oberstdorf. QSL via DK5ON, LoTW or DCL (DARC Community Logbook). (TNX 425DX)

EA, SPAIN "Plus Ultra" was a flying boat which completed the first transatlantic flight between Spain and South America in January 1926. To mark the centenary of that event, Cartagena Team's members will be active as **AO5PU** on 12-25 January. QSL via EA5GTU. (TNX 425DX)

F, FRANCE Look for special event station **TM23AAW** to be on air from February 16 to March 2, 2026. Activity is to celebrate the 23th Antarctic Activity Week. All info on this event on https://www.qrz.com/db/TM23AAW

Operation will be made by François F8DVD from his QTH of Mâcon, east part of France, 60 km North of Lyon (JN26JH). The new reference for WAP program is 358. Operations will be on HF band from 10 to 40 meters. QSL via F8DVD, Direct (SAE + 3 USD) or via Buro.

For more information about that Antarctic event, have a look to www.waponline.it

G, ENGLAND **GB50PUNK** is a special callsign for David, G3SKA "and team" to use at various times between 1 January and 31 December to celebrate 50 years of punk rock music. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and eQSL; QSL via the bureau or direct. Updates will be posted to https://www.facebook.com/61585208894891. (TNX 425DX)

G, ENGLAND Using vintage equipment manufactured by KW Electronics Ltd from the mid-1950s to the 1970s, the **GB8KW** multi-operator station will be active again over the "KW Weekend" (3-4 January) from the Cray Valley radio club's HQ in Eltham, England. Other special callsigns are expected to be activated by collectors and restorers across the UK during the month, notably GB2KW from Scotland. (TNX 425DX)

HH, HAITI During January, **4V1L** commemorates Marie-Jeanne Lamartiniere, a heroine of the Haitian Revolution. QSL via N2OO. (TNX DXNL)

HI, DOMINICAN REP The Dominican Amateur Radio Union (UDRA), in celebration of its 60th anniversary, will be holding an activation from January 17th to January 31st. With just one contact to the official station **HI60UD**, you can obtain a certificate of participation on their official website at QRZ.com.

I, ITALY Members of ARI Milano, ARI Cadore and ARI Brunico/Bruneck will activate special callsigns **II2WOG** (QSL via IQ2MI), **II3COR** (QSL via IQ3DD), **II3WOG** (QSL via IQ3ED), and **II3BIA** (QSL via IQ3ED) between 6 February and 22 March for the Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games Milano Cortina 2026. Certificates and eQSLs will be available on https://hamaward.cloud/. (TNX 425DX)

I, ITALY Throughout 2026, ARI Fidenza (IQ4FE), with the patronage and historical supervision of the Guglielmo Marconi Foundation, will use a series of special callsigns, each representing one of the "key figures who played a fundamental role in Marconi's personal and emotional, educational and cultural, academic, scientific and, finally, entrepreneurial development": **II4GMRC** (January), II4AJMR (February), II4AMRC (March), II4JDVS (April), II4ROSA (May), II4PRCE (June), II4JAFL (July), II4KEMP (August), II4PAGE (Septem- ber), II4NTTI (October), II4GCLB (November), II4SLRI (December). QSL via LoTW, or direct only to IQ4FE. Complete information about the "Marconi Supporters" award: http://www.arifidenza.it/ (TNX 425DX)

LZ, BULGARIA Radio Club Blagovestnik (LZ1KCP) will use six special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Orthodox saints: **LZ1426EN** (January and February), LZ488AM (March and April), LZ370TL (May and June), LZ67PP (July and August), LZ936BA (September and October), LZ911TD (November and December). QSL via the bureau or direct to P.O. Box 36, 4300 Karlovo, Bulgaria. Details on the "All Saints 2026 Award" can be found at https://www.lz1kcp.com/ (TNX 425DX)

SP, POLAND The Dobrzycki Amateur Radio Club (SP3PDO) will use twelve special callsigns during 2026 to honour as many different Polish saints. The first callsign in the series, **SP1894MMK** (1-31 January), is for St. Maximilian Maria Kolbe (SP3RN), born on 8 January 1894 and killed at Auschwitz in 1941. It will be followed by **SP1440SL** (February), **SP1040SSZ** (March), **SP1865JML** (April), **SP1920KW** (May), **SP1373JA** (June), **SP1183JO** (July),

SP1905MFK (August), **SP1373AB** (September), **SP1550SK** (October), **SP1234KK** (November) and **SP1835JK** (December). QSLs via SP3PDO. See https://radioawards.club/ses/155 for the certificates. (TNX 425DX)

YO, ROMANIA **YR1600VT** is the special callsign that members of Radio Club YO6KGS will be using until 31 March 2026 to popularize Via Transilvanica, the long-distance trail (1600 km) used for hiking, cycling and horse riding that crosses Romania. More information can be found on https://www.qrz.com/db/YR1600VT. QSL via eQSL. (TNX 425DX)

YU, SERBIA The special event callsign **YU65AEC** celebrates the 65th anniversary of the first radio club in Odzaci throughout 2026. (TNX DXNL)

YU, SERBIA The radio club Mihajlo Pupin YU7BCD in Pancevo celebrates its 45th anniversary during 2026 with the callsign **YU45MJA**. QSL via LoTW. (TNX DXNL)

VK, AUSTRALIA **AX120AAC** celebrates the 120th anniversary of the Australian Army Cadets (AAC) during 2026. (TNX DXNL)

W, USA The Straight Key Century Club's annual on-air event, commemorating the club's founding in 2006 and celebrating the original instruments of early radiotelegraphy (straight key, bug and cootie keys), will run on 2-31 January. Look for **K3Y** to be aired from the ten US call areas (**K3Y/0 through K3Y/9**), **plus /KH6, /KL7 and /KP4**. Information on the event and QSLing instructions can be found on https://skccgroup.com/k3y/k3y.php. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND **ZL60PAH** is the special callsign for Phil, ZL3PAH to use from 23 November to 22 February 2026 to celebrate his diamond jubilee in amateur radio. He will operate CW, RTTY, and "maybe a little SSB too" on 80-10 metres. QSL via LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND **ZL100C** is a special callsign celebrating the centenary of the New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART), which was formed on 16 August 1926. The callsign is valid until 6 August 2026. QSL via the bureau and LoTW. (TNX 425DX)

ZL, NEW ZEALAND The New Zealand Association of Radio Transmitters (NZART) was founded in Auckland in 1926. To celebrate their centenary, NZART members are encouraged to use the **ZM** prefix during the 2026 year; in addition, individual operators and NZART branches can apply to use special **ZL100** callsigns for a period of 1 to 3 months - e.g. Ian ZL1MVL and the Whangarei Amateur Radio Club (ZL1AM) will be using **ZL100MVL** and **ZL100AM**, respectively, until 31 March. (TNX 425DX)

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